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**COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
NEEDS IN SPRINGFIELD**

The City is in the process of developing its Capital Improvement Program (CIP), a Community Reinvestment Plan, for the next five years and is seeking suggestions from Springfield residents for projects. Examples of the capital projects include construction of streets, sewers, sidewalks and bike paths, installation of street lights and planting of street trees.

Suggestion forms are available in the Public Works Department at City Hall, 225 5th Street. The deadline for submitted the forms is Tuesday, December 2, 2011. You can also download a suggestion form on the City of Springfield Public Works website at <http://www.springfield-or.gov/Pubworks/CIP.htm>

Background:

The 2013-2017 CIP will be a five-year outlook of the City's planned physical improvements, which includes cost estimates and projected financing sources. Once citizens submit their ideas, which can be general or specific in nature, staff will prioritize those suggestions, and suggestions from other local public agencies, and existing facilities plans and assemble a draft CIP by December 2011. The program will then be reviewed at public meetings in the coming months. The Springfield Planning Commission is scheduled to conduct a public review meeting on February 22, 2012. The City Council is scheduled to hold a formal public hearing and adopt the CIP on March 20, 2012.

Because of the downturn in the national and local economies and the continuing need to comply with a number of regulatory mandates, it is likely that the program will be sharply constrained this year. Even so, it is important that citizens have an opportunity to identify needs for

construction of new facilities and preservation of existing facilities, so that these ideas may be considered in the prioritization process.

What: Suggestions for Capital Improvement Projects

When: From now until December 2, 2011.

Where: Applications online at www.springfield-or.gov/Pubworks/CIP_Program.htm or in the Public Works Department at City Hall (225 Fifth Street)

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